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## CAMPUS SCENE

### OCAR RALLY/ SCAVENGER HUNT

The Valley Collegiate Players will have a scavenger hunt on Nov. 7. Those who are participating need to meet in front of the Theater building at 10 a.m.

### OHOLIDAY

Classes at Valley College will not be in session on Nov. 9 in observance of Veteran's Day.

### OCANNED FOOD DRIVE

The California Nursing Student Association will be collecting canned food. The drive will be held from Nov. 9 to Nov. 20. Donations can be taken to Engineering Room 102 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be donated to the Los Angeles Mission.

### OCSU APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Students who are planning to transfer in Fall '99 need to submit their application in November. There will be workshops to help students:  
•complete application forms  
•answer questions about intersegmental general education transfer curriculum (IGETC) or California State University certification. The workshop will be held on Nov. 12 from 12:30 to 1 p.m. in the Career/Transfer Center, Administration Room 126. For more information call (818) 947-2646.

### OPESSA DAY AT UCLA

The Premedical, Engineering, and Science Scholars Association is offering students a chance:  
•to meet UCLA department counselors  
•opportunities in research presentation  
•student research presentations  
•medical school tour  
•medical school application workshop  
PESSA day at UCLA will be held on Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sign-up is required because there are only 20 seats available. To sign-up students can go to the PESSA meeting held on Wednesdays in Chemistry 101 at 1:15 p.m. by Nov. 11. The event is being sponsored by the UCLA-Bridges Program. For more information call (818) 947-2487.

### For the record...

In the Oct. 1 issue of the Valley Star the Campus Police telephone number was incorrect. The correct number is (818) 947-2409.

# Retiree's meet for first time at Valley

By JULIO CORTEZ  
STAR REPORTER

The Valley College Retiree's Association had their first charter meeting in the Fireside Room on Nov. 3.

The meeting brought together retired Valley College members to discuss activities in which they could help improve the relationship between the college and those retired.

While the rest of the country was out voting for their state's officers, the association was voting for its officers.

Roger Graham, Sam Mayo, Marian Craig and Kaye Ryan were each elected the first president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer respectively.

Graham, who is a Valley College graduate and retiree, said that his intentions for the association was to what he put it as "let's party."

"My goals for the association are to encourage maximum support for and participation in all 50th

anniversary activities and offer service and aid to students and the college," Graham said.

Mayo, who was the master of ceremonies, informed those in attendance that the newly established association, formed of 80 members, has intentions of hosting other meetings, going on field trips and attending Valley College events.

The association has a diverse staff, most of the members did not work together in the same department or year. Each member had to stand up and introduce themselves to the association.

Margorie Reed Myer, who was foreign student advisor in the counseling department and retired in 1989, drove almost four hundred miles from her home in Napa Valley to join the rest of her fellow retiree's.

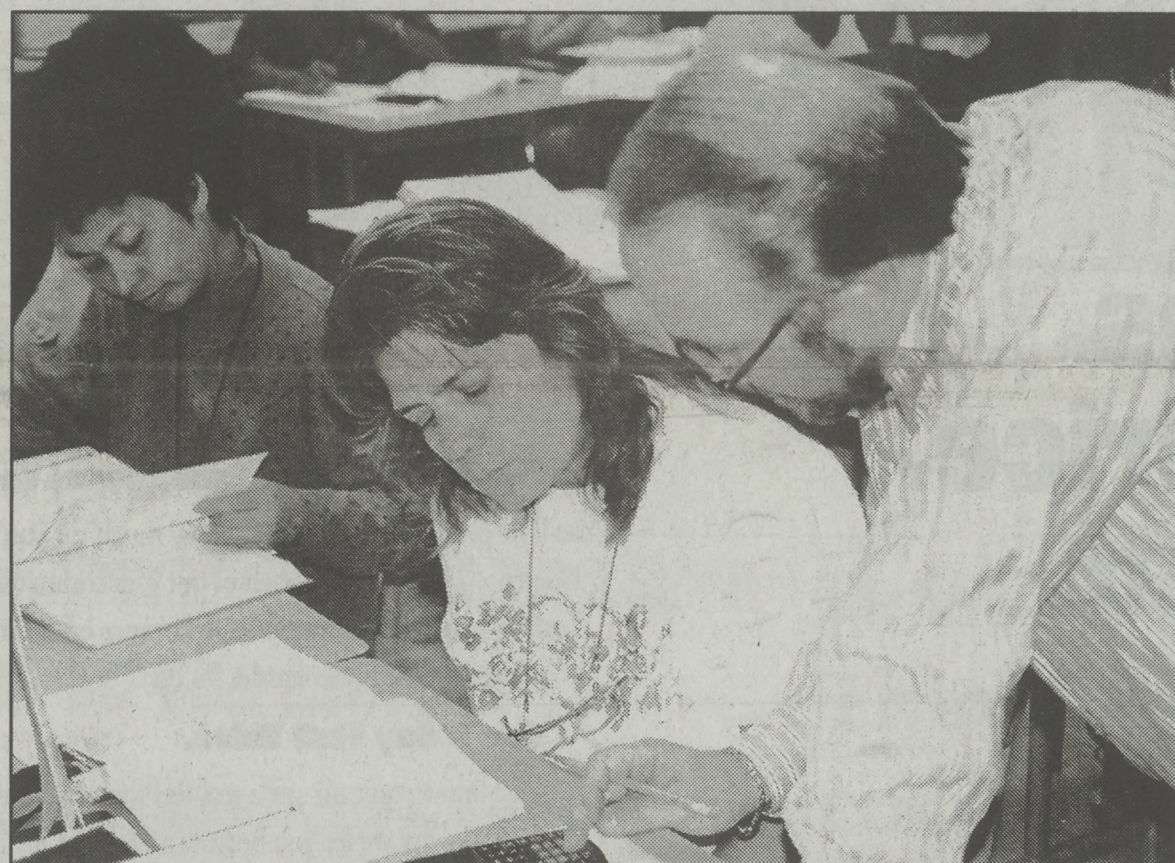
Along with the planning of future meetings and events, the association celebrated Valley College President Tyree Wieder's birthday by giving her a yellow rose.



Julio Cortez/Valley Star

Valley College Retiree Associations officers, (left to right) Sam Mayo, vice-president; Marian Craig, secretary; Roger Graham, president and Kaye Ryan, treasurer join Dennis Reed after the associations first charter meeting.

## Math magician...



Malik Rahsaan/Valley Star

Math professor Leon Marzillier helps students at the Math Lab. The Math Lab is located in Math Science 106. Free tutoring is available to all math students. There are also computer and videotape tutorials available. The hours of the Math Lab are Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday: 3:30 to 7 p.m.; and Thursday: 4 to 7 p.m.

## Election Results 1998

### Statewide Returns

U.S. Senate	Party	Votes	Percent
* Barbara Boxer	Dem	3,910,981	53.2
Matt Fong	Rep	3,154,036	42.9
H. Joseph Perrin, Sr.	Ami	49,230	0.7
Ted Brown	Lib	84,453	1.2
Brian M. Rees	Nat	41,505	0.5
Ophie C. Beltran	P&F	43,668	0.5
Timothy R. Erich	Ref	73,540	1.0

State Senate	Party	Votes	Percent
Richard Alarcon	Dem	74,248	66.2
Ollie M. McCaulley	Rep	30,438	27.1
Linda Starr	Lib	7,530	6.7

Governor	Party	Votes	Percent
Gray Davis	Dem	4,305,746	58.1
Dan Lungren	Rep	2,842,173	38.4
Nathan E. Johnson	Ami	33,760	0.4
Dan Hamburg	Grn	92,613	1.3
Steve W. Kubby	Lib	65,113	0.8
Harold H. Bloomfield	Nat	27,267	0.3
Gloria Estela La Riva	P&F	52,218	0.7

## Pulse gives daily prizes

By ANITA TORRES  
STAR REPORTER

The Pulse Copy and Technology Center at Valley College finished their grand opening celebration on Oct. 28.

"The purpose was to make sure as many people as possible knew we were here," said Mike Monson, key operator at the Pulse.

To celebrate the grand opening, the Pulse held a 10 day long drawing for prizes.

The drawing was open entry, and only required that a short questionnaire be filled out and dropped off at the Pulse center.

Two or three questionnaires were drawn per day, and prizes included free pulse services and pre-paid phone cards.

On the final day of the celebration, Dean of student services Yasmin Delahoussaye drew the final name for the winner of a mountain bike.

The promotion at the Pulse now is their calendar promotion that ends Dec. 11.

Services at the Pulse include: computer rentals, lamination, binding, fax services, and black and white or color copies.

The Pulse is located in the southwest corner of the cafeteria. The business hours are: Monday to Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday: 7:30 to 4 p.m.

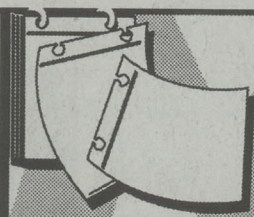


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Chancellor James Heinselman, Steve McMains, President Tyree Wieder, math professor Leon Marzillier, and Pulse Copy Technology center manager Josh Morton (left to right) celebrate the grand opening celebration on Oct. 28.

<b>Celebration Winners:</b>	•Bonnie Kalanick	•Sandy Lady	<b>10 minute phone card:</b>
•Mountain bike: Austin Kemie	•Dan Kiltinen	•Evendiva Sanchez	•Ramsin Shamon
•Sweatshirt: Greg Halterman	•Sergio Saucedo	•5 color copies:	•Mindy Wilner
•T-Shirt: Norma Hans	•Shoshana Wolff	•William Folden	•20 minute phone card:
•Cap: Emily Torres	<b>\$10 gift certificate:</b>	•Ebrain Mirambeau	•Fawad Abbaszadd
•100 black and white copies:	•Nanci Armstrong	•Carol Montano	•Alex Hebert
•Mary Deering	•Laura Brown	•Theodore Ragsdale	•Christian Olivos
	•Maryam Hasan	•Carlos A. Vasquez	•Erica Verser





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## Democrats take center stage

By CHERRY OQUINDO  
ANTHONY GARCIA  
and RICHARD ADES  
Special to the Star

Louitenet Governor Gray Davis led the Democratic party to victory in contests across the state Tuesday night. Local Democrats ran strong resulting in celebrations in the San Fernando Valley.

### Democrats celebrate in Sylmar

SYLMAR - Casa Torres Restaurant was closed to the public Tuesday night, Election Day, as it hosted a private party for the San Fernando Valley chapter of the California Democratic Party.

For this election, the chapter had about 400 volunteers more than half of whom are high school students, according to Yolanda Fuentes, 23, one of the campaign managers. "They've been great," she said.

Ofelia Aristizabal, 38, a native of Mexico said that she has been voting the Democratic ticket since becoming a citizen five years ago. "Everybody's getting tired of it," she said, referring to the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal. "The election has nothing to do with it."

Two of the Democratic contenders, incumbent Assemblyman, Tony Cardenas and City Councilman, Richard Alarcon were on hand. Alarcon won a state senate

seat.

"This is a great victory for the youth of San Fernando Valley," said Alarcon. "I want our education system to improve."

Cardenas said that when you get to the local communities, people are more concerned with jobs and education.

"I think the scandal is something personal to the president," Cardenas said. "Voters are more interested in getting better jobs, better education and safer streets."

When the news broke that both Cardenas and Alarcon won, cheers resounded and the estimated 165 supporters came alive. People clapped their hands and some started hugging each other.

Cardenas said that he and Alarcon are in office not because of money, but because of the people who believed in them and he thanked them for their support.

Alarcon, in his speech said that in life, you need anchors and one of his is his family who, through their support and encouragement made it possible for him to move on in his career.

### Celebrations in Tarzana

The Tarzana gathering of Democrats was a full scale celebration. Balloons covered the ceiling and floor, platters of food, half eaten and cans of beverages half empty

lined the tables; and laughter and applause resounded throughout the room. U. S. Congressman Brad Sherman said it was a different feeling to be in the lead before 10 p.m., due the fact that in the election of '96 he didn't pull out front until after 2:00 A.M.

The applause intensified as certificates were handed out to volunteers honoring them for all their campaign contributions of time and money. Smiles seemed to be the uniform of the day for everyone from high school students to retired seniors. Cameras flashed, capturing moments of joyful victory, against a background of Democratic Party flyers posted over almost every wall and window. A burst of screams and cheers rose up at 9:13 as Sherman announced he was now up by 10 points.

Outside, kids were celebrating by letting helium balloons go free into the sky.

David Rankell, of Sherman Oaks was among the crowd of Democrats. He specifically stressed however that while he was not a registered Democrat himself, he was very thankful to Sherman for "the fair and honest job of representing his constituents in the Valley"

The band added to the celebration with a victory set of familiar upbeat music. As smiles broadened, Gregory Wright 51, of Sherman



Lietenet Governor Gray Davis is cheered by hundreds of supporters at the Regal Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. Rony Armas/Valley Star

Oaks, a volunteer, jumped out of the crowd wearing a white V-neck shirt divided into two sections. On the left of the shirt in blue ink, "Democratic Accomplishments", and to the right in red "Republican Disappointments." He calls himself a "Democratic Environmentalist."

"Democrats appear to concentrate on long-term issues and policies much better than the Republicans," he said, citing education as an example and stressed its importance "as we round the millennium."

The shirt targeted many Republican fiascoes from Watergate and McCarthyism to the EPA and Reagan Debt. A prominent pin on his shirt read "Left is Right...Right is Wrong."

Just after 10 p.m. as the televised results came in, there were cheers and laughter.

"How is a Democrat going to lose in Compton?" said Casey Robinson, a 21 year old student from Encino adding, "It is a rare occurrence when Republicans win in areas generally dominated by minorities, such as Latinos and African-Americans."

Minutes later Grey Davis announced on television "It doesn't get any better than this", causing a loud response from the crowd.

Laughter and applause broke out as the band played "Another One Bites The Dust" followed by "Hit The Road Jack." Someone shouted, "Long live Governor Davis!."

Sherman Ganson 64, talked with Zack Webber a Democratic activist about issues in this election, both seemed to arrive at the same conclusion. "They screwed themselves," said Ganson.

Well before midnight Brad

Sherman took a commanding lead. "There are 17 cemeteries in this district and I am proud to say we carried them all!" he joked.

Asta Criss, supervisor of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley said Sherman's win was well deserved, considering the Democratic backlash to the Clinton scandal.

"If you keep pushing you'll shoot your self in the foot," she said. "Just because they [Republicans] say it over and over doesn't mean people will believe it."

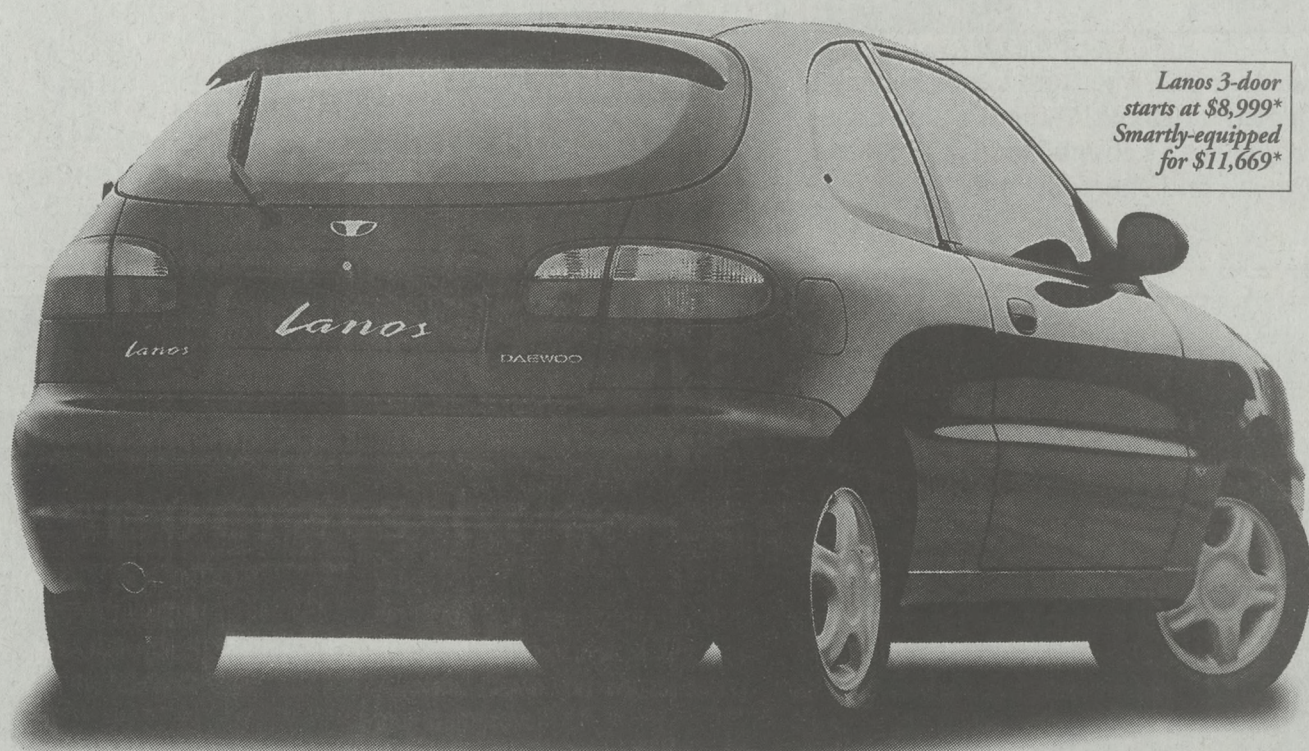
Carolyn Smith, a Democratic volunteer, agreed.

"We were getting calls from a lot of people that were very angry at the media, how they were handling the president," Smith said.

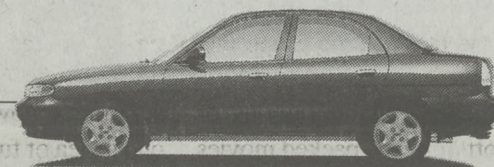
"Even Republicans were calling to volunteer at the end of September."

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## Editorial...

### Thrills result in kills

"Popcorn" s ready," said the merry Mother. Twelve children scrambled over to the kitchen counter. The strong aroma of melted butter tickled their noses, escalating their excitement. It was almost time for Monday's movie to begin. "Pow Wow" was the feature film selected for the night.

"Hurry up, it's about to start," said an impatient young boy while crunching on a handful of popcorn. The lights dimmed a little and the word feature presentation appeared on the screen.

"I hope this is not to violent," said the merry Mother. "BAM! BAM! BAM!" Three people died in the first scene. A bank was robbed and the thief dressed in all black became the hero. "Wow, I want to be like him," said the boy next door.

"AAAAAAGH!" screamed a half undressed lady. She was attacked and taken advantage of. Her jewelry was torn off of her and her neck was indented with hand prints. "That's enough," said the merry Mother. All the children wailed in disappointment. They still had a whole hour until their bedtime at 8 p.m.

"Let's play cops and robbers," one boy said. "Who wants to be the robbers?" said the merry Mother. Every child raised their hand.

Is it the thrill of the crime that attracts viewers to violence? Why is the media making billions of dollars off of action packed movies that portray vivid images of murder, rape, robberies and the usage of weapons.

One can not blame the media for the 20,329 robberies already committed this year in Los Angeles, according to the Los Angeles Police Department Crime Statistics. The Valley represents 20 percent of those robberies.

The media is just catering to the desires of society. The public wants to see violence!

The days of the wild, wild west fictional stories have been buried by more realistic flicks starring George Clooney as an attractive jail bird in "Out of Sight," or John Travolta as a slick dancing gangster in "Pulp Fiction."

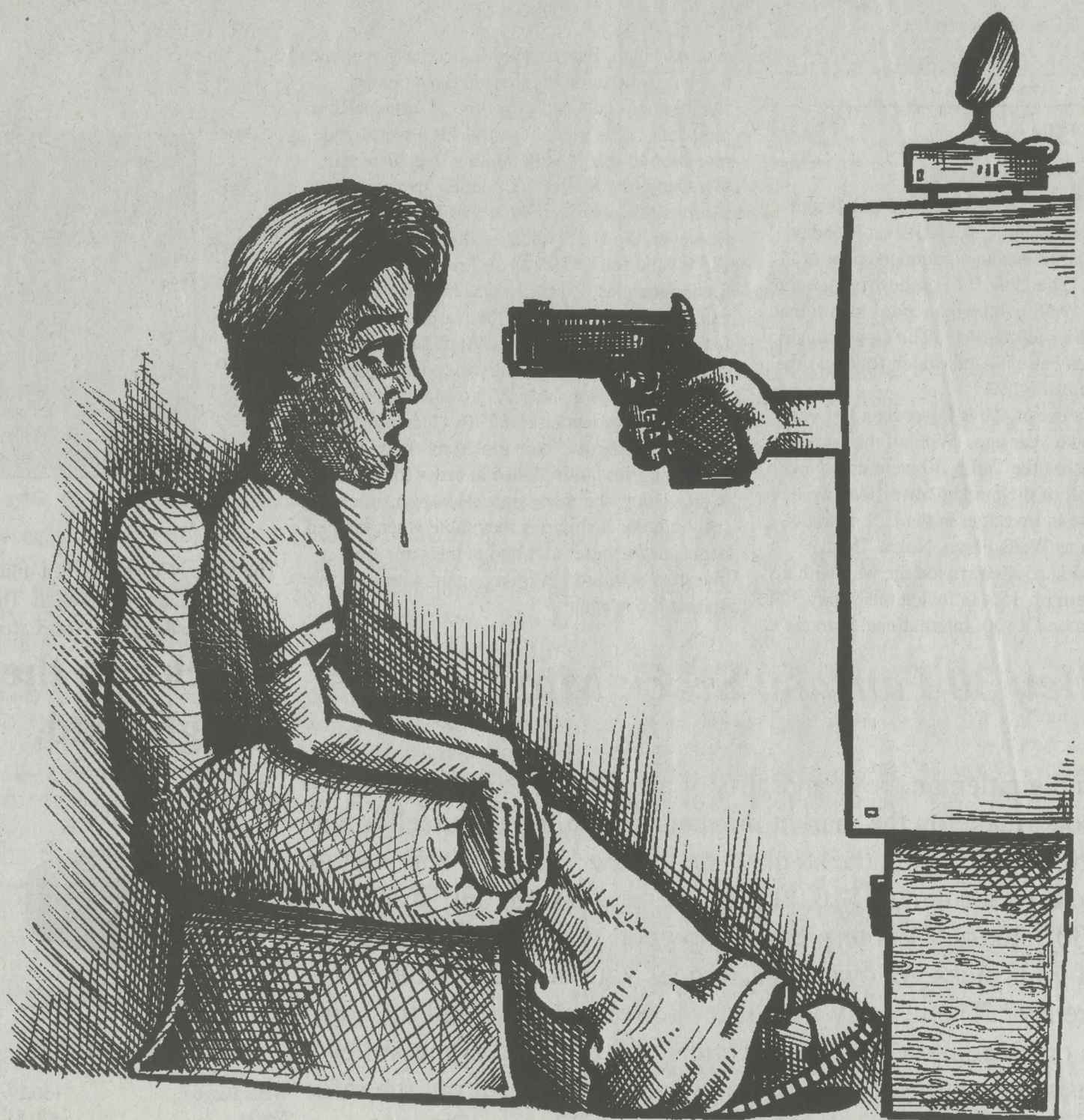
Entertainment is wonderful and should continue to flourish throughout this society. However, living out the thrilling crimes on the big screen or on the tube at home is plain crazy.

Recently there has been an upsurge in gun point robberies. Local news stations are reporting that the sole reason behind these felonies is for the fun and thrill of the experience. Is that what Saturday night's activities have come to? Forget pool tables, dance clubs and movies, the "in" thing to do is car jack a helpless soul or invade someone's property. There is one word to describe this: SICK!

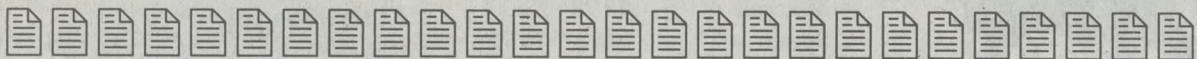
There is no use in blaming anybody, whether it be the media's influence or the lack of discipline at home. It now all comes down to one's idea of fun. Find other means of entertainment. A thrill that kills, robs, or hurts another is not a thrill at all. It is a crime.

#### Valley Bureau 1998 Crime Statistics

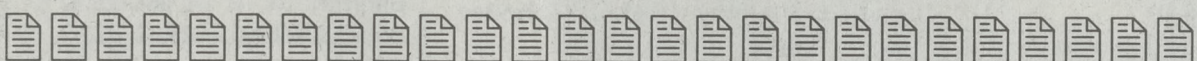
Robberies		
Van Nuys:	935	
5%		
West Valley:	792	4%
N Hollywood:	796	4%
Foothill:	694	3%
Devonshire:	763	4%
Total	3,980	20%



got violence ?



## Letters to the Editor



### County Acts; City Won't Concerning Megan's Law

Bravo to Gloria Molina, the County Board of Supervisors and Sheriff Sherman Block for implementing Megan's Law, named after a New Jersey girl who was murdered by a repeat sex offender.

The Board recently voted 4-0 to notify those residents of unincorporated L.A. county living on the same block as violent sex offenders.

But the L.A.P.D. has decided not to notify the people of the city in the same manner as the county because they are afraid the predators will go elsewhere and not register.

Well, by not informing us anyway, what's the difference? This is a city of more than three million

and there are 65,000 predators statewide. It only takes one of these creeps to destroy the lives of many.

I'll bet the police aren't watching these animals as well as we citizens would, if we knew they were living in our neighborhoods.

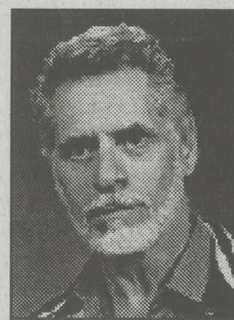
As with his shortsighted policy of almost always denying concealed weapon permits to deserving, law-abiding citizens, Chief Parks is refusing to let vulnerable citizens, undoubtedly including defenseless women and children, have a trump card in their hand!

Will it take another murder like Megan's before Chief Parks is compelled to act? Not if we all complain!

— Reed Rankin

### The Senior Freshman...

## Think before you speak: political correctness left one area out



JIM CARROZO  
STAR REPORTER

Our moral compass guided us, and the common usage of many ugly words all but disappeared from the conversations of those who value mutual respect.

Today if a person uses racial slurs in the classroom, it's not tolerated.

Ethnic jokes from comedians are a "no no", and a sexist remark about a female co-worker could mean dismissal.

But call a homosexual a "faggot" in any of those situations and you'll likely find anything from a roar of laughter, to a snicker of agreement, to silent tolerance. Most folks just let it slide and don't make much of a stink about

it. Gays who are relatively safe from harassment because they don't "look" or "act" effeminate will tell you how frequently they hear these remarks from fellow students, co-workers, family and friends.

That's because historically homosexuals have always been the most despised minority, cross culturally, of any other group on the planet. This hatred culminates into violence, as it did in the murder of Matthew Shepherd, the young university student from Wyoming. Shepard was bashed, burned and basically crucified on a fence in the middle of nowhere. It gained national attention and reminded us once again of this dreadful reality in our lives. Most are disgusted by such acts because somewhere in each of our families, there is a relative we love who happens to be gay.

I had a lesbian friend once, a comedian named Robin Tyler, who told me the origin of the word "faggot". I'll pass it on and maybe the next time somebody makes an ugly remark about

gays or lesbians, you'll remember and have the courage to protest in the same way you would challenge someone using words like "nigger", "spic" or "kike".

Robin told me that in the middle ages when they burned witches, women were considered so inferior that they were not worth the price of good kindling wood. Instead of buying these "bundles of faggots" as they were called, they'd round up homosexuals, force them to chop up their own furniture, then be tied to it and used as a base for the fire. These human substitutes for kindling wood thereafter were known as "Faggots".

Nice story huh? I want you to think about that the next time some moron spews his homophobic bile into your conversation. Don't you feel insulted when you're in the presence of some bigot and he gets going on some lame, racist tirade, presuming that you share his beliefs? I know I do. Let them know that you do too. And let me know by Emailing me at SrFresh@aol.com.

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## Valley 30 posts records gains

By MAGIC TOPPIN  
STAR REPORTER

The Valley 30 rocketed up 225.35 points and climbed to a record high of 263.49 on Monday night as the market began a commencement of record gains. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained over 749.48 points in a record month that reestablished the Bull market. The Dow industrial closed on Friday at 8592.10 which followed the August slump of 15.13%

The Fed rate cut of 4% is lower than last years 5% cut we had a year ago. With all the market upheaval why has the Valley 30 went up so much?

Well, with all of the market corrections we have seen a increase in investors in the U.S. markets.

Stocks such as Wells Fargo, Nokia, Delta, American, and U.S. Airways led the way with a combined return of 155.33 fueled the Valley 30 to its record gain on Oct 30. International markets

such as Japan, Brazil, and Mexico have rebounded nicely off the tumultous lows in the summer.

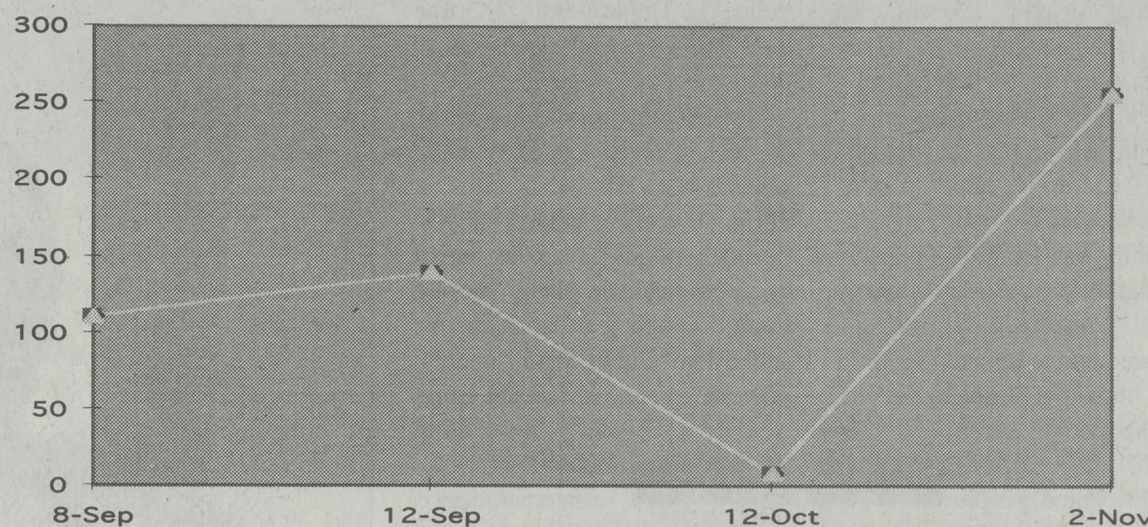
Interest rates cuts and government influence has put some of the global turmoil for a world wide recession to rest. After sinking to a 27-month low Oct 8, the Russel 2000 index also rose 22% from its low and finished at 378.16.

However, the U.S. Dollar as slipped from its high 115.00 and fell to 106.20 on Friday.

Stocks such as Gadzooks was helped by decent gains and other stocks on the Nasdaq such as Skytel Communications and Staff Leasing.

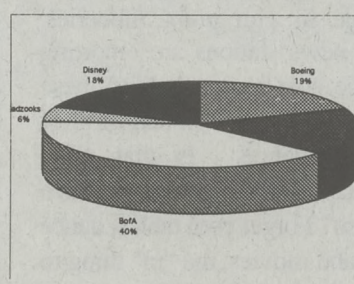
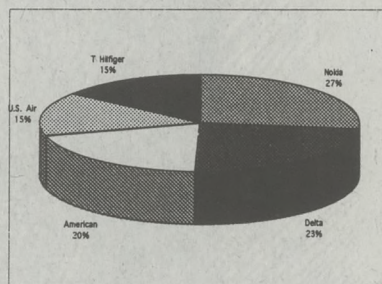
Industries such as Secondary oil consumption had a 43% earnings increase, Auto Manufactures also had a earnings increase of 23%. Increase optimism has alsoguided the global markets in general with countries cutting rates in order for them not to slip in a global recession. However, stocks are still high and a slump is inevitable when the Fed begins to increase rates and at the same time investors begin to get weary again whenever the market drops again.

Valley 30



The Valley College 30 is a miniature stock index of various companies with either Small-cap wealth or Large-cap wealth. The market is based on real time quotes and analysis from the Dow Jones, Nasdaq, and Amex stock markets.

### Stocks on the high road. Stocks on the low road.



Winners outgained the losers with Tommy Hilfiger, Nokia and three airlines (Delta, U.S. Air, American) posting the most gains. While Disney, Boeing, Bank of America, Borders, and Gadzooks posted meager gains throughout the month of October and the beginning of November. Winners outperformed losers by a 25 to 5 margin with Delta Airlines and Wells Fargo posting the biggest gains and Bank of America leading the losers.

### Valley 30 Fantasy Stock Market

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**Asset-** Current cash and other items readily converted into cash, usually within one year.

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Thursday, November 5, 1998

Valley Star

Planetarium Shows inspire and entertain

By JOHN MAROT  
STAR REPORTER

The Night sky is a limitless source of inspiration that shines brightly for the passionate lovers of astronomy.

Both professional and amateur astronomers assemble at Valley College's planetarium and observatory to explore the universe one Friday night each month when the Astronomy Club hosts their hour-long planetarium shows.

Each show is open to the public and presented by a volunteer member of the Astronomy Club who provides all the materials needed to run the show.

This can be somewhat expensive with the slides alone costing in upwards of one hundred dollars. Though the presenter receives a small percentage of the ticket proceeds, it is not nearly enough to cover their cost.

"They do it for the enjoyment of presenting their astronomical ideas and inspiring people with astronomy," said Astronomy Club president Bonnie Kent.

The majority of the proceeds help pay for new equipment such as tripods and binoculars.

Those in attendance receive the opportunity to gaze through the observatory's 16" Celestron telescope before and after the show.

Show time is 8 p.m. and tickets for the fifty-seat planetarium go on sale a half hour earlier at the door.

Nearly forty people attended the Oct. 2 show titled "E.T. - The REAL Search," presented



Malik Rahsaan/Valley Star

Greg Hagopian checks out the Celestron 16" telescope after attending the Oct. 2 planetarium show.

by Jed Laderman.

Laderman discussed the possibility of life on other planets and blended comedy with the actual science involved in the search.

"It was funny, well prepared, and informative," said Greg Hagopian, a Valley College student in attendance.

Laderman's slides included an "enhanced photo" of Hillary Clinton with an alien child and pictures of radar equipment used in the search for extra-terrestrial life.

Big Band, blues guitar, and even music from "The Wizard of Oz" provided the show's soundtrack.

"It's multimedia," said Astronomy Club Faculty Sponsor David Falk.

"You get the person speaking, you get the planetarium projector running, you have the music and the special effects

going, you really get the whole works," he added.

Falk has been involved with the club since it was first formed in 1986. He became sponsor in 1994 when he began teaching astronomy part-time at Valley College.

Dedicating five to six hours a week to the club in addition to his duties as a full-time astronomy instructor, he is still very passionate about

astronomy and enjoys sharing his passion with others.

Falk will present the next planetarium show, "The Fall Sky," on Nov. 13 in which he will discuss the myths behind the stars and constellations and how they got their names.

"This is unique theater and it's a unique way to talk about astronomy," said Falk.

"It's fun to watch something you create come alive."

Planetarium Show Fact Box

Tickets: \$3.50 for adults  
\$2.50 for seniors, Astronomy Club members, and students with ASU I.D.  
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MARY HITO

By LAMAR WASH  
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Mary Hito is the associate professor of mathematics and the supervisor of Valley College's Mathematics Lab. A native of Peru, she received her Bachelors Degree from Boston University and her Masters Degree in Mathematics from the University of Southern California.

She came to Valley in 1989, and has since has been helping to shape the minds of Valley's math students.

"Mary Hito helped me tremendously in the math lab and she is very patient," said one of Hito's math students Maria Fuentes.

The Math Lab provides students with a place to go for help with their questions about math. Hito says that the lab is very important and the math department is in need of funding to pay math tutors to assist these students.

Hito herself tutors between classes during her office hours to provide additional assistance in mathematics.

"Some students get stuck on the little things and we help students work through them so they can continue."

Hito says mathematics helps her understand the sciences and the physical world. She is a firm believer that math is more than just numbers, but represents structure and exercise for the brain.

One of her chief concerns are those students who plague themselves with "Unit Mania." "I advise students to limit the

number of classes they take when taking math," Hito said.

"There is a large amount of study required to do well in Mathematics and students who work to survive should be particularly careful not to overload themselves with classes," she added.

Hito is genuinely concerned with helping people and is actively evolved in equal rights.

She is married, has three cats, and likes to read in the comfort of her home.

"I like reading books about philosophy," Hito said. "I am also studying the works of Pythagoras, he has a mythological approach to mathematics."

Hito also enjoys gardening and playing on her drum kit. For stress release and exercise she kick boxes.

In addition to these unique hobbies, Hito has a passion for classic automobiles.

"I have a 1962 Comet and I love it," Hito said. "I'd rather have an old car than a new one"

As a final note, Hito says, "Students should not fear mathematics because math is a very important part of their past, present, and future."

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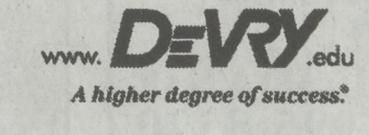
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## Four one acts, one too many

By JIM CARROZO  
STAR REPORTER

Lab Theater is by its nature experimental, and that was evident last Thursday and Friday night at the Shoebox Theater.

It was at times frustrating, at times satisfying, but always interesting.

The presentation bore out its title, "7 Actors, 4 One Acts, 1 Stage, NO POINT & A Whole Lot of Cheesecake," inasmuch as there was indeed "no point" in including the first play in what was otherwise an evening of Groundling-style improv comedy.

It's not that "Domestic Violence" by Percy Granger is a bad play, in fact the writing made its ironic point quite nicely, which gave the actors, Jill Brazelton as Sandy and Sam Payes as Michael, a lot to explore.

Unless however, it was a comedy, in which case I totally missed the point or "no point" as

it were. In any case it was perceived by the audience as a drama and would have been more successfully presented in a different format.

Payes has good instincts and handled his heavily worded part with bullet like intensity. However, the character's frustration, anger and rage need to build slower and simmer longer so that his emotional peak isn't reached too soon.

He obviously has a passion for his craft and deserves credit for his work here.

Brazelton seemed less comfortable as his confused wife, blaming herself for their failed marriage. Playing age often leads, as it did here for both actors, to difficulty in making the on stage relationship fly. It's easier for a twenty year old to play eighty than to play thirty.

"If Women Worked as Men Do" by Carol Katherine was less successful than it might have

been, partly because it had to be its own "opening act" and rev up the audience for laughs after such a somber beginning.

Its lack of focus was also partly due to some awkward staging where the actors seemed uncomfortable in their blocking.

As the title implies, it had women acting as men would act in an office situation. To spice things up, two of the women were cross dressing males.

The trouble here is that guys in drag get laughs that have nothing to do with the script and tend to upstage, by their very presence, the work of the other actors, in this case Erika Chavarria as Ms. Arnold and Jill Brazelton as Mrs. Carew.

They did their best to accomplish their objectives but were hard put to sustain the audiences' interest when the stage was so outrageously dominated by Dan Greenberg and Kevin Peckham as Ms. Garcia &

Mrs. Dowling.

Greenberg got big laughs but too many of them came from the knowing sound of "friends in the audience laughing at their friend on stage." It's hard to say if he would fare as well with the general public although his "Liz Torres from Hell" character certainly is compelling. Peckham on the other hand, while also supported by a friendly house, brought an Eve Arden wryness to his largely improvised role. He'd be a great Principal McGee in "Grease."

"Last of the Cheesecake" by Robert Meltzer was the most interesting of the plays. Chavarria and Brazelton both fared better in this "tryst with a twist" piece. Brazelton as Tilly, the wife, took a small part and made it interesting enough to leave the audience wanting more. Chavarria also hit her mark quite well as Annie, the good-natured whore.

She has an excellent stage voice and paired with Arturo Rubio Jr. as her philandering, cheesecake bearing customer, she effectively counterbalanced his zaniness.

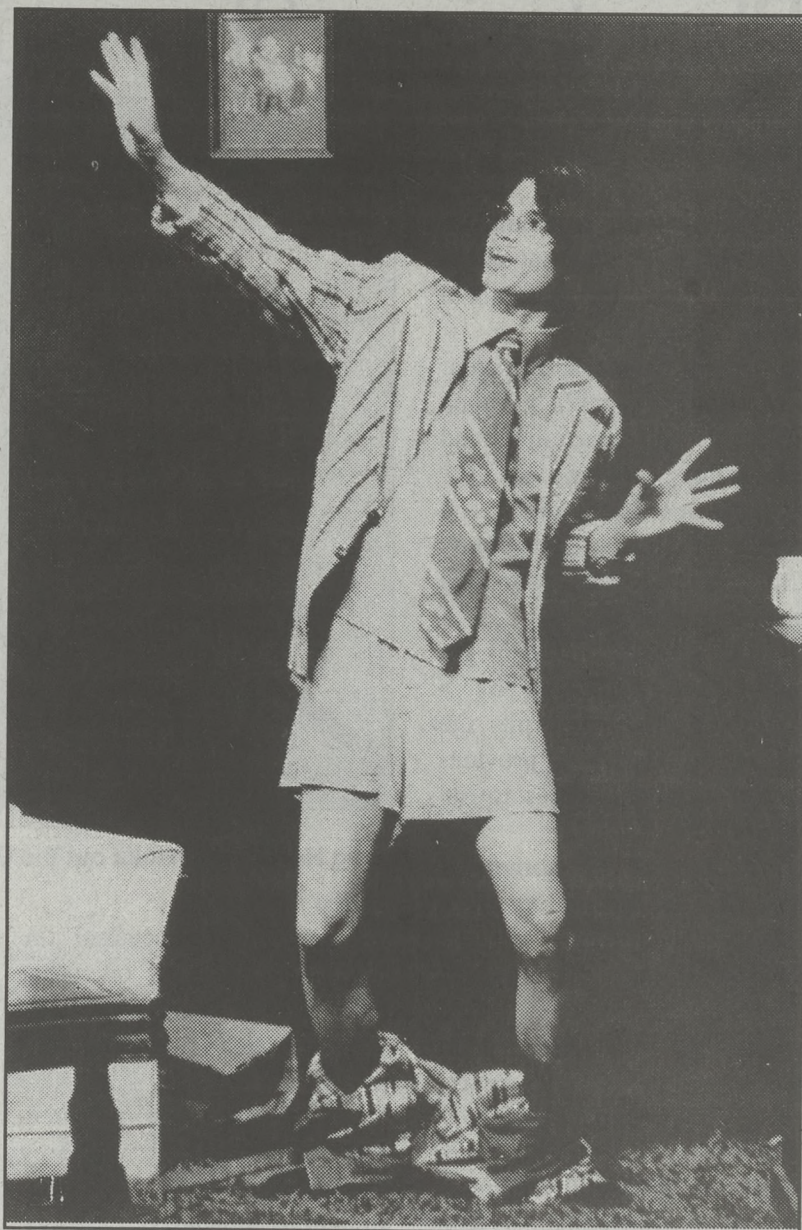
Rubio already has his own signature making it as easy to identify his work as an Andy Warhol painting. Here he played a misogynist who knows more about salmon than Bubba knows about shrimp.

The costuming was not credited but his was inspired, even though inappropriate. If Soupy Sales and Pee Wee Herman had a baby he'd look like this.

"If Men Played Cards as Women Do" by George Kaufman, switched the social roles again, bringing back Rubio, Peckham and Payes in the funniest piece of the evening.

Heavily improvised, the actors had a lot of fun with this one.

The premise lent itself to saying



Arturo Rubio Jr. drops his pants in "The Last of the Cheesecake". Rod Lockett/Valley Star

"Forget the script and let's just go with the moment." And go they did, like four bats out of hell, the fourth being Tim Rice as Sonny, whose comic parody of James Caan's "Godfather" character was right on target.

The setting is a card party where the boys' dialogue would be better suited to a Van Nuys Canasta group than a New York Poker game.

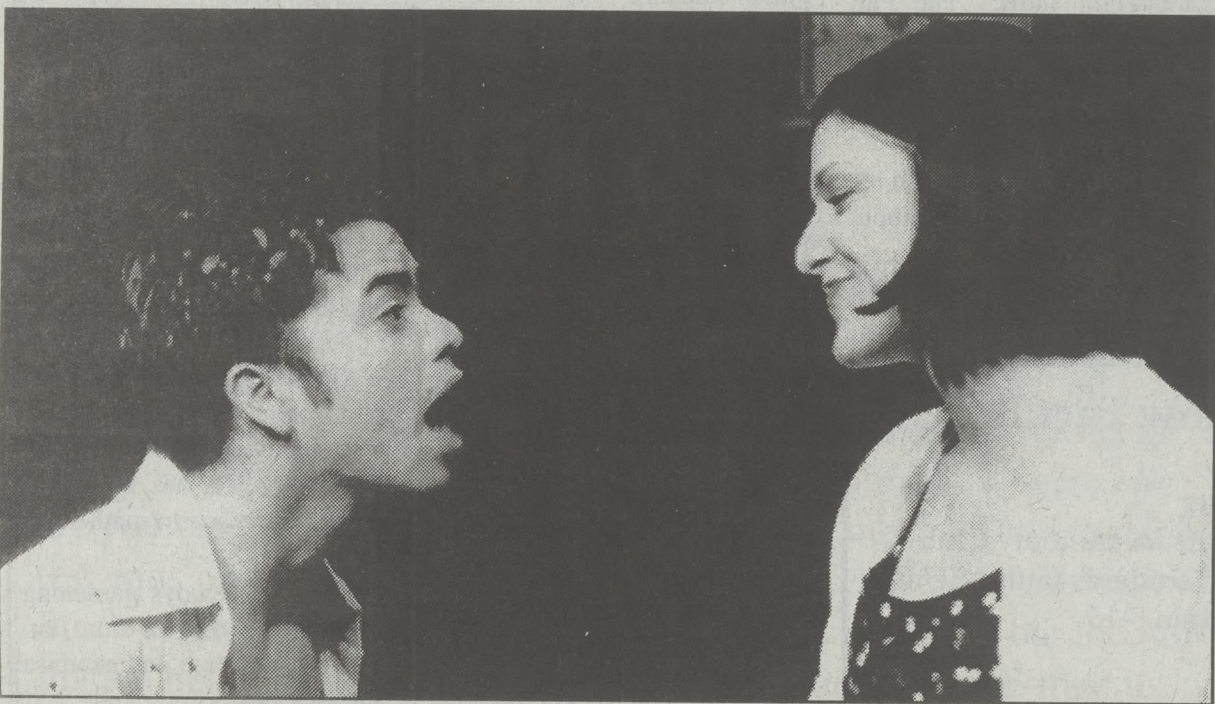
Peckham ruled in this piece, doing a very funny turn as Tyrone. He has a great instinct for improv and works in a way that keeps the

other actors on their toes.

Adding their own unique "Boys will be girls" wackiness to the mix were Payes as Frankie and Rubio as Pauly. All four had a ball in this role-switching spoof and so did the audience.

Jesse Leon's direction was good for the most part. Once a director encourages actors to improvise it doesn't always work but in this case it did.

Even the "party time" scene changes were entertaining, and added to the spontaneous flavor of the evening.



Michael (Sam Payes) vents his frustration on his wife Sandy (Jill Brazelton) in "Domestic Violence". Rod Lockett/Valley Star

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Facts compiled by Anita Torres

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## Magic's Hour



Magic Toppin

Nobody really cares about the stupid basketball season. The NBA with all of its glitz and glamour is tainted with egos, groupies, and salaries.

However, it is known that all accounting books pertaining to box office receipts is closed to the public, including players and reporters.

So, with 127 million dollars floating to rookies without a ring, how much money is really out there?

Do we need another basketball season with Jordan winning another championship against a sub-par team?

Do we need another lackluster performance from idiots like Elden Cambell and Nick Van Exel?

How many times are we going to put up with the antics of owners who first say "too much" and then say, "here's your 5 million?"

Basketball will not be missed and I rather watch Boise State against Canisius College than the Sacramento Kings against the Milwaukee Bucks.

Only in America, we put athletes on a pedestal who sign sneaker deals before they even lace up their own "kicks."

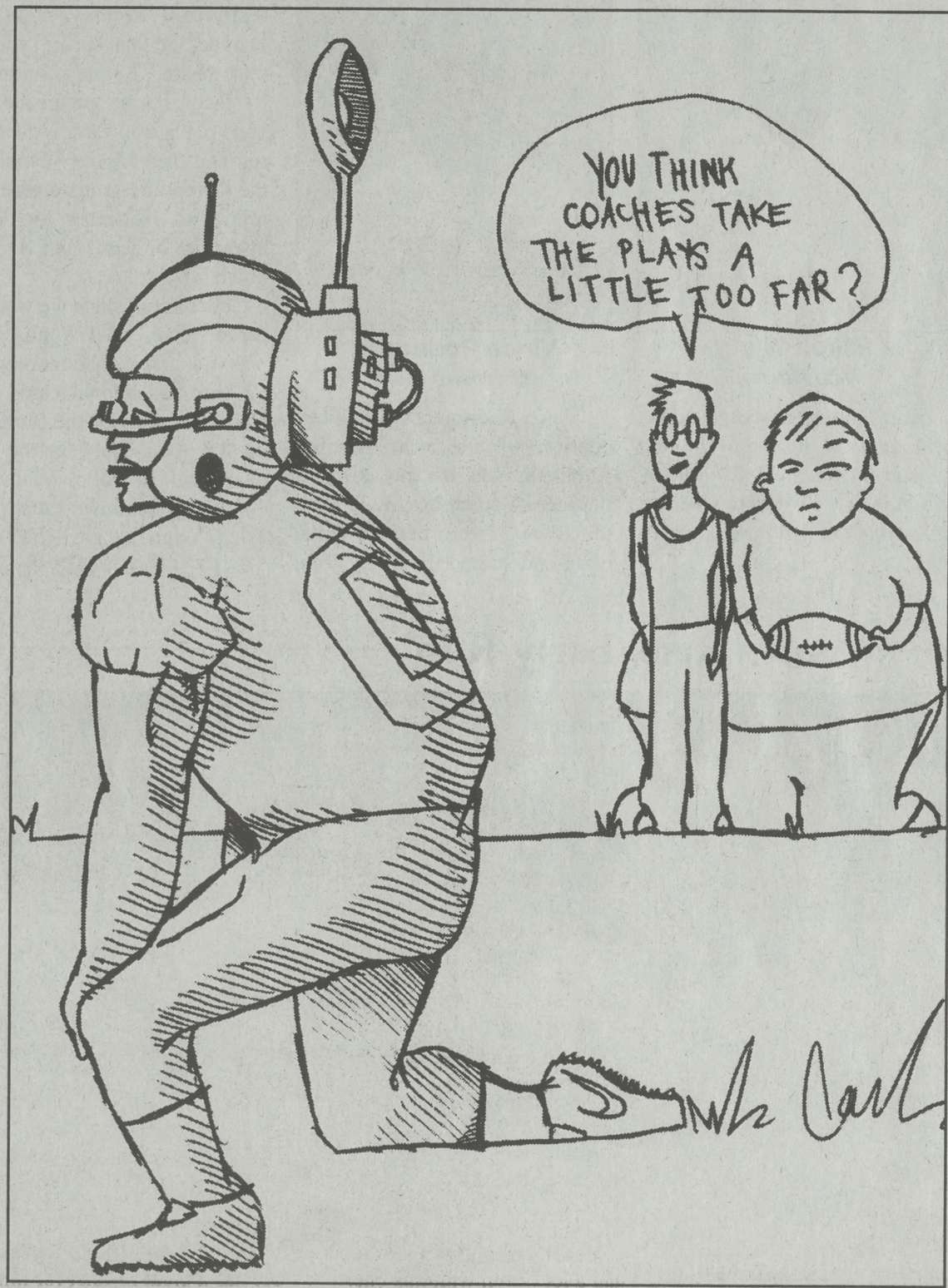
How ironic that the driving force behind the NBA (money and entertainment) is the same thing that is bringing this once glorious league down.

I would rather pay 50 bucks up in the nose bleed seats to watch Dr. J dunk over Michael Cooper than watch Allan Iverson screw up another pass to Derrick Coleman.

However, we are the idiots in the long run. We rather spend \$250.00 on Jordan's "kicks" than give a homeless man a dollar on the street. Ah well! Who cares anyway? There's always NBA Live 98 on the Sony Playstation.

## Jock Etch...

By CARLOS MENZOZA



## Crunch time for Valley as season's on line

By MAGIC TOPPIN  
STAR REPORTER

The Monarchs shoved the football down the Tartars throats after trailing 14-0 early in the first half.

All of a sudden the "Monarch Machine" is on the rampage.

They gave up more than 100 yards rushing for the second straight game, but outshot both teams in passing yards and have improved their record to 4-3 and their division record to 3-1.

The offense looks back on track as Eric Holtfreter and

Travis Winn seem to enjoy the musical quarterback chair. The defense is still struggling against the run and with Moorpark coming in with their power running game, the Monarchs need to get adjusted quickly when they face a power running attack.

I give the game ball to Milton Wynn as his 4-touchdown performance gave the Monarchs some life.

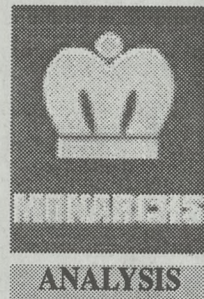
However, I credit the offensive line that gave Holtfreter and Winn almost 15 seconds to pass at will.

With three games remaining

on the schedule the Monarchs need to win all three in order to be considered for a Bowl game.

However, the Monarchs need to concentrate on a Southwest Cougar (2-2) team that will love to dash the hopes of Coach Barlow and his squad.

Last year the Cougars beat the Monarchs 26-14 with Marques Hannie leading the Cougar rushing attack.



WATER POLO, from pg. 8

## Men face a do or die situation

Women Jun couldn't make the Fullerton game due to illness.

John Conrad coached the women's team for valley.

"They took us by the heels," Conrad said. "We didn't have any subs due to foul problems. So I couldn't afford to substitute earlier in the game."

"Our girls played tough. They kept up with it, and I think we owned the second half," Conrad continued.

Shareen Pena, a Valley player said, "We just came in thinking we were going to win again. We

kind of let up on a team who obviously has improved a lot."

"In the second quarter our team stepped it up a little bit and took over our pride in our scoring. We finished off pretty good," Pena said.

The conference is this Friday and Valley will either play Citrus or Santa Monica at Citrus.

The men face elimination if they lose at Friday's game. The women can win conference if they are victorious during the Western State Conference Championships.

## CROSS COUNTRY

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Jorge Gonzalez was the top Monarch in the race. Emanuel Jimenez, Jose Jimenez, Oscar Cisneros and Fabbriozio Rivera rounded off the top five for Valley.

"For their first championship meet they did really well," Weisbly said. "I expect them to do a lot better at the southern cal. championship next week."

Weisbly said Gonzalez was the Monarch with the best chance to

qualify for state. "With a strong performance he and the other guys can do it," Weisbly said.

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# Cougars to invade Monarchs den

By MICHAEL ROCHE  
STAR REPORTER

Valley's football team will be playing their final home game of the season on Saturday, 7 p.m., against divisional rival, L.A. Southwest.

Both teams are locked in a four way tie in their overall divisional records (4-3) with Santa Monica and West L.A. College, making the Monarch-Cougar battle extremely important if either team has plans on advancing to post season play.

Valley edges the Cougars by one game in divisional play and are currently tied with Santa Monica and West L.A., who each trail divisional leader, Moorpark, for the Southern Conference Championship title.

"We're in a position now where we control our own destiny," Gary Barlow, Monarch head coach said. "If we do the things that we have been doing in the past couple of weeks and continue to come out of these games with wins we could guarantee ourselves a share of the conference title and a possible bowl game berth."

With the season winding down and momentum building, Valley is eager to avenge last seasons loss to L.A. Southwest and repeat their 1996, 52-0 shut-out rout.

"It's pretty exciting right now. These young kids are starting to play like seasoned veterans and I think your going to see a lot of good things happen," Barlow said.

attack, guided by quarterback Eric Holtfreter and his core of clutch receivers, have lit up their competition with 1,825 passing yards in seven games.

## Quarterback match ups:

Eric

Holtfreter will battle Cougar quarterback Hassayn Bailly, on Saturday night.

Bailly is averaging 13.7 yards per pass and has tossed for 1,066 yards this season, completing 47.3 percent of his passes.

Holtfreter, however, has been unstoppable in his last two games, throwing for 629 yards, including seven touchdowns.

## WSC players of the week:

Monarch receiver Milton Wynn won the award offensively for his seven receptions, 164 yard and four touchdown performance against Compton College.

Wynn is a 6'4", 205 pound sophomore out of Antelope Valley High School.

Valley linebacker, Vince Rodriguez, a 6'3", 252 pound freshman out of Canoga Park High School, won the award defensively for his performance on Halloween night.

Rodriguez had five unassisted tackles, two assists, four sacks, four tackles for a loss and he returned a pick 77 yards for a touchdown.

## WSC highlights:

Holtfreter continues to be consistent, completing 15 of 24 passes for 243 yards and three touchdowns.

Monarch sophomore linebacker, Marc Zimmerman, had seven unassisted tackles, two assists, two sacks and three tackles for a loss.

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L.A. Pierce	1	6	.143	103	239	0-3
Santa Barbara	0	7	.000	59	222	0-3

SOUTHERN	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	Div.
Moorpark	7	1	.875	205	129	4-0
Santa Monica	4	3	.571	206	160	3-1
L.A. Valley	4	3	.571	203	164	3-1
West L.A.	4	3	.571	163	125	3-1
L.A. Southwest	4	3	.571	166	169	2-2
L.A. Harbor	2	5	.286	197	228	1-3
East L.A.	1	6	.143	183	230	0-4
Compton	0	7	.000	166	327	0-4

## SCORING SUMMARY

L.A. Valley 56, Compton 22

L.A. Valley.....	14	7	14	21	56
Compton.....	14	0	0	8	22

Quarter	Time	V-C
C- Starks 25 run (run failed)	1	11:55 0-6
C- Winston 59 pass from Ward (Ward run)	1	7:47 0-14
V- Wynn 40 pass from Holtfreter (Arias kick)	1	2:33 7-14
V- V. Rodriguez 77 interception return (Arias kick)	2	9:16 14-14
V- Portee 1 run (Arias kick)	2	4:05 21-14
V- Wynn 21 pass from Holtfreter (Arias kick)	3	12:43 28-14
V- Wynn 52 pass from Holtfreter (Arias kick)	3	10:49 35-14
V- Walker 3 run (Arias kick)	4	14:48 42-14
C- Boatwright 51 fumble return (Ward to Winston)	4	12:07 42-22
V- Wynn 14 from Winn (Arias kick)	4	9:24 49-22
V- Winn 2 run (Arias kick)	4	1:09 56-22



Bill Krauss, looks on as his team practices Wednesday.

## FOOTBALL

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a rendition of the Monarchs version of Nightmare on Elm Street.

"The offensive line gave the quarterbacks plenty of time to throw the ball," said Wynn "It feels good all the way," Wynn continued.

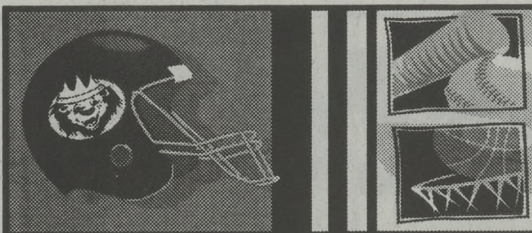
Holtfreter threw for 243 yards and 3 touchdowns as his 62.5% passing efficiency paved the way for the Monarchs romp over the Compton Tartars.

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## First and Goal

### SATURDAY'S SCORES

L.A. Southwest 22, East L.A. 12  
Bakersfield 49, Santa Barbara 12  
Moorpark 19, West L.A. 18  
Allan Hancock 27, Ventura 7  
Canyons 45, Glendale 42  
L.A. Valley 56, Compton 22  
Santa Monica 62, L.A. Harbor 42

### SCHEDULE FOR NOV. 7

Santa Monica at Compton (1 p.m.)  
Ventura at Santa Barbara (1 p.m.)  
L.A. Pierce at Allan Hancock (7 p.m.)  
Canyons at Backersfield (7 p.m.)  
Moorpark at East L.A. (7 p.m.)  
West L.A. at L.A. Harbor (7 p.m.)  
L.A. Southwest at L.A. Valley (7 p.m.)

## In The Net

### MEN'S WATER POLO

OCT. 30

Citrus 16, Valley 5

NOV. 3

Fullerton 17, Valley 8

### SCHEDULE

Nov. 6-7 WSC Playoffs at Citrus all day  
Nov. 11 South Cal Playoff (3:30 p.m.)  
Nov. 13-14 Southern Cal Championships  
Nov. 20-21 State Playoffs

### WOMEN'S WATER POLO

OCT. 30

Valley 19, Citrus 0

NOV. 3

Fullerton 14, Valley 7

### SCHEDULE

Nov. 6-7 WSC Playoffs at Citrus all day  
Nov. 13-14 Southern Cal Playoffs  
Nov. 20-21 State Playoffs all day

## In The Hoop

The Basketball season is upon us and Head Coach Doug Michelson has his team reved up and ready to go in 2 weeks.

But, before the season begins grueling 3 hour practices are what's in store for the Monarchs.

The bench looks much deeper than it did last year with the added bonus of having a back-up point guard. The first game is a tournament on November 13-15, so be on the look out for the Basketball preview in next week.

Speed and size is what makes up the Lady Monarchs this year.

Having the added feature of size on the hardwood as well as the bench, Head Coach John Taylor has his team poised for the championship.

### CROSS COUNTRY

The men's and women's cross country teams will be competing in the Southern California Finals Saturday, 9 a.m. at Mt. San Antonio College.

### BASEBALL

The Valley Rockies will face Glendale College Saturday, 10 a.m. at Glendale in a doubleheader. The Rockies beat the El Monte Dukes 11-8 Saturday Oct. 31, improving their record to 5 wins and 2 losses.

# Valley routs Tartars in Wynn

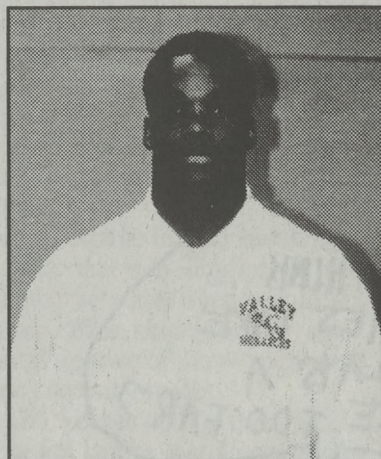
■**Football:** The Monarchs explode with 42 unanswered points in Compton slaughter.

By MAGIC TOPPIN  
STAR REPORTER

Trailing by a 14-0 margin early in the first half, Milton Wynn went on a tear with 4 touchdowns and 164 yards receiving which set the stage for a 42 point burst as the Monarchs dominated the Compton Tartars 56-22.

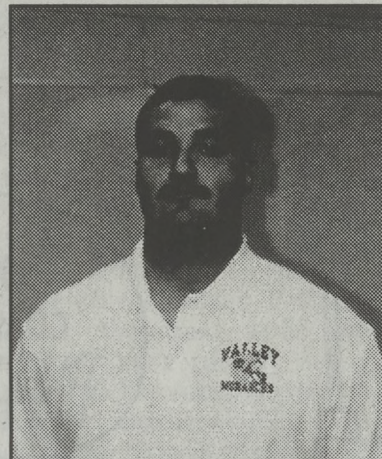
However, the Tartars struck first with a 25-yard touchdown run and a 59-yard bomb that put the Monarchs behind early 14-0.

"We took them for granted and they came ready to play" said Monarch runningback William Lemley.



Milton Wynn  
Wide Receiver

Eric Holtfreter started things off quickly at the end of the first quarter when he hit Milton Wynn with a 40-yard touchdown strike that cut the Tartars lead in half.



Vince Rodriguez  
Defensive Back

Vince Rodriguez's first interception of the year for the Monarchs was the key early in the second quarter as his 77-yard touchdown return tied the game early and started the momentum

for the Monarchs.

"It was the bomb, it was perfect" said Lemley. "A 250 pounder at that speed, you got pure desire," Lemley continued.

Jason Portee got in the end-zone with a 1-yard touchdown run and then Milton Wynn gave the Compton Tartars a receiving clinic as Holtfreter hit Wynn again for 21 yards and a touchdown.

"It feels cool since we won just for the team," said Wynn.

Wynn struck once more with a 52 yard touchdown catch from Holtfreter that put the Monarchs up for good 35-14 in the third quarter and he followed it with a 14 yard touchdown catch from Travis Winn that gave the Tartars

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## Early Rise, Early Run



Malik Rashaan/Valley Star

Valley's cross country teams practice in Griffith Park for Saturday's Southern California Finals.

# Glendale College runs past Monarchs

■**Running:** Valley took second place behind Glendale College at Conference Championships.

By BAXTER CEPEDA  
STAR REPORTER

Marisol Barajas was still out because of injuries and Valley finished second to Glendale, for the fourth time this year, at the WSC Conference Championship on Thursday.

Patty Loera of Valley had the early lead but was caught at the

two mile point by Glendale's Julie Harras who ended up winning by nine seconds in a time of 19:00.00.

"Patty was leading but unfortunately she lost by a few seconds," said Gretchen Lohr, women's coach at Valley.

Glendale won the meet with 52 points and the Monarch women had 103 points.

Bakersfield finished third with 110 points. "The girls all ran good but we are looking forward to the Southern Cal. Finals next week," Lohr said.

"That is the meet that we need to do good in to qualify for state."

Yadria Estrada of Valley finished third overall in 20:03.00, Gladis Martinez finished 16th in 21:42.00, Maria Herrera 24th in 22:08.00 and Odilly Parada 36th in 26:30.00.

"Odilly had an off day because the shoes she was wearing didn't fit her," Lohr said. "She has weak ankles and those shoes weren't giving her enough support."

Lohr said Parada and Barajas

both have been running in practice this week and are looking a lot better.

**Valley men finish 10th at conference**

The Glendale men won the conference championship and the young Monarch team finished 10th in the WSC.

"They pretty much did the same as all season," said Scott Weisbly, men's coach at Valley. "We weren't the worst and we weren't the best."

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# Women remain undefeated

■**Water polo:** The women Monarchs remain undefeated going into Western State Conference Championships. They are 4-0 in conference play.

By RICHARD ADES  
VALLEY STAR

Valley College waterpolo will compete in the Western State Conference Championships this Friday and Saturday.

The women's winning streak came to a close Tuesday when they lost 14-7 to Fullerton College while the men joined

them in a 17-8 loss.

Last Friday the Men's team lost 16-5, as the women's team shutout Citrus 19-0.

Bill Ralls water polo coach for Citrus said his team seemed to turn over the ball a lot. "Valley wasn't pressing as hard until the end. My team's passes were either too short or too long," Ralls said. "They were playing really hard. That's something you really can't teach."

Valley coach, Bill Krauss, said Citrus is number one in the conference. "They haven't lost a game in the conference. They

were really to quick for us. We had a couple starters out for the second half," Krauss said. "The big game for us is Friday with Chaffey College. If we beat them we go to the Southern California Playoffs."

The men's team was short their star center because of disciplinary action.

"In the Fullerton game the Valley team had to play in a shallow end," said Krauss. "We have a lot of big guys, and their defender can just jump off the bottom." Were fifth right now."

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Hollywood's Corner:

# LA sports, sinks like Titanic

By JULIO CORTEZ  
STAR REPORTER

Los Angeles City officials struggle to get a contract which will bring a football team to their city, meanwhile the NBA season still has the pause button stuck.

Slowly LA sports are going down the drain.

As all of this is going on, the Oakland Raiders are doing what they should of done when they were in Los Angeles.

The Raiders are 6-2 during the season, already two wins most of what they were last year when they finished 4-12.

They have the second best record in the National Football league and the second-ranked defense in the AFC.

They have won five games in row and, half way through the season, headed to the play-offs.

Could they finally win a championship? It's time the Raiders do so. Something they didn't do much here in LA.

The NBA is far from giving excitement to the city. As of right now, whenever you read this, the basketball season is far from starting.

In the National Hockey League the LA Kings are 4-5-2 and the Anaheim Mighty Ducks are 3-3-3.

The Kings and Ducks are giving their fans something worth going to the games. Early in the season, they look as if they will give their fans what they expect. I sure hope so.

And baseball.

What about baseball?

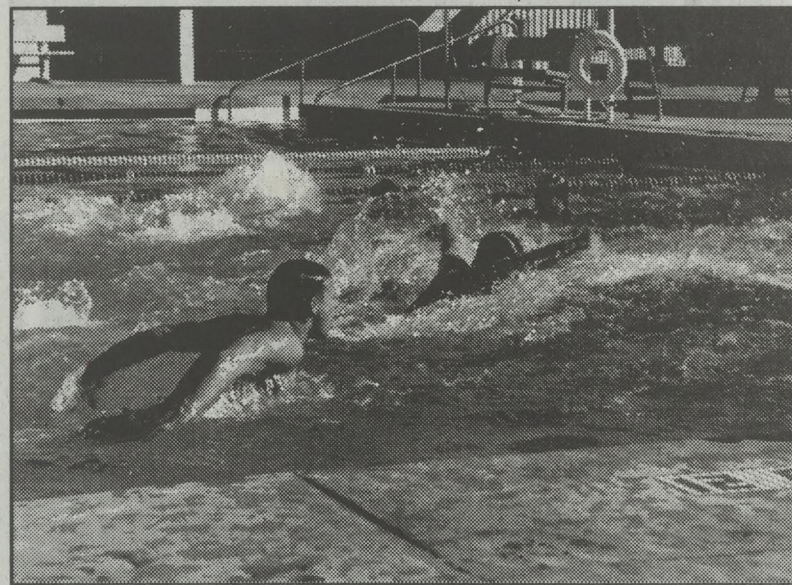
The Dodgers are still stuck at the bottom of the well, and the Angels are still getting throat treatment for choking.

LA is no longer known as a good competitive town, they are now know as a family town.

The only ones benefiting from this is those housewives and children who at one point in the past used to be upset at their husbands or fathers when a sporting event was chosen instead of having a good family day.

The "man of the house" who used to spent Sundays afternoons watching sports while getting drunk is now spending time with his wife and children over a bar-b-q picnic at the park.

It's going to be a while before LA can regain an athletic reputation. But until then I think that LA families will have good quality time with family members every Sunday rather than just on Christmas.



Rony Armas/Valley Star

The men Monarchs practice Wednesday for WSC Playoffs. They face elimination if they lose during this Friday's game.